

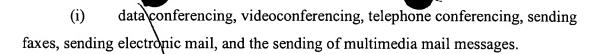
- (i) along which signals
 - (1) representing participant audio and video
- (ii) can be transmitted,

wherein the system is configured to

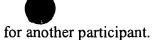
(a) display

- (i) a first and a second directory of potential participants in which
 - (1) the first directory is viewable by all potential participants, and
 - (2) the second directory is a subset of the first directory and viewable by a single participant.
- (ii) on at least one video display device; and
- (b) to initiate collaboration
 - (i) upon a selecting participant selecting
 - (1) with each selected participant
 - (2) to define a teleconference.
- 22. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein
- (a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of
 - (i) displayed icons and text
 - (3) representing the potential participants.
- 23. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein
 - (a) a selecting participant can
 - (i) select
 - (1) at least one of the participants and
 - (2) at least one of a displayed set of communication types; and wherein the system is further configured to
 - (i) establish communication
 - (1) of the selected type
 - (2) with each selected participant.
- 24. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein
- (a) the set of communication types includes at least one of:

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- 25. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein
- (a) the selecting part cipant can use
 - (i) at least one computer graphic user interface
 - (ii) to select
 - (1) at least one of the participant(s) and/or
 - (2) at least one of the collaboration types.
- 26. The teleconferencing system of claim 23, wherein the system
- (a) defaults
 - (i) to a default collaboration type
 - (ii) upon selection of a participant.
- 27. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to allow a participant:
- (a) to select
 - (i) a further participant
 - (ii) from the potential partidipants and
- (b) add
 - (i) the new participant
 - (ii) to an existing teleconference call.
- 28. The teleconferencing system of claim 21, wherein the system is further configured to:
- (a) allow
 - (i) at least one participant
 - (ii) access
 - (1) to at least one audio and/or video signal source; and
- (b) reproduce
 - (i) audio and video
 - (1) based on signals
 - (2) from the accessed signal source



29. The system of claim 21, wherein

(ii)

- (a) a selecting participant case
 - (i) select
 - (1) at least one of the participants
 - (2) using a hot key.

30. A method for conducting a teleconference among a plurality of participants, each having an associated video capture and display and audio capture and reproduction capabilities,

the method comprising the steps of:

(a) displaying

and

- (i) a first and a second directory of potential participants in which
 - (1) the first directory is viewable by all potential participants,
 - (2) the second directory is a subset of the first directory and viewable by a single participant
- (b) selecting
 - (i) one or more participants
 - (1) from among a plurality of the displayed potential

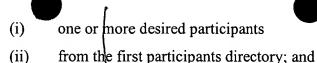
participants; and

- (c) establishing communication
 - (i) with each selected participant.
- 31. The method of claim 30, wherein
- (a) the second participant directory includes at least one of the group consisting of
 - (i) displayed icons and texts
 - (1) representing potential participants.-

The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting

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- (b) selecting
 - (i) one or more desired participants;
 - (ii) from the second participant directory; and
- (c) establishing communication
 - (i) with all selected participants.
- 33. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) selecting a communication type,
 - (i) from a displayed set of communication types; and
 - (b) establishing communication
 - (i) of the selected type,
 - (ii) with each selected participant(s).

34. The method of claim 33, wherein

- (a) the set of communication types includes at least one:
- (i) data conferencing, videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, sending faxes, sending electronic mail and sending multimedia mail messages.
 - 35. The method of claim 33, wherein
 - (a) the step of selecting
 - (i) one or more participants
 - (ii) invokes a default collaboration type.
 - 36. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) selecting
 - (i) a new participant
 - (ii) from among a plurality of potential participants; and
 - (b) adding
 - (i) the new participant
 - (ii) to an existing teleconference.
 - 37. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) detecting,

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- (i) during a first teleconference
 - (1) between a first and a second participant,
- (ii) an attempt
 - (1) by a third caller
 - (2) to initiate a second teleconference
 - (3) with the second participant;
- (b) notifying
 - (i) the second participant
 - (ii) of the attempt; and
- (c) allowing the second participant
 - (i) to add
 - (ii) the third caller
 - (iii) to the first teleconference.
- 38. The method of claim 30, further comprising the steps of:
 - (a) allowing at least one participant
 - (i) access to at least one audio and/or video signal source, and
 - (b) reproducing video and/or audio
 - (i) based on signals,
 - (ii) from the accessed signal source;
 - (iii) for another participant.
- 39. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
 - (a) allowing a participant
 - (i) in an existing teleconference with
 - (1) a plurality of other participants
 - (ii) to place on hold
 - (iii) at least one of the other participants.
- 40. The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of:
 - (a) allowing a participant
 - (i) in an existing teleconference with
 - (1) a plurality of other participants